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IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM PREPARES FOR FALL

by Angie Hagy



August is an incredibly busy time for the immunization program at the City of Milwaukee Health Department. With Milwaukee Child Health Week, a multitude of health fairs and off-site immunization

clinics offered at Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) enrollment events, immunization staff are extremely busy trying to get children vaccinated before even the first compliance letter goes out.

Over the past several years, and this year is no exception, new immunization requirements have been phased in. The Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis booster) requirement was completed last year, but it will take two more years to fully phase in the requirement for two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. During that time we expect to continue to see a high demand placed on our walk-in clinics when MPS compliance mailings are sent. Wisconsin law requires that letters be sent to noncompliant parents on the 15th, 25th, and 80th school days. A timeline of immunization compliance activities, including letters and special clinics, will be developed over the summer once MPS finalizes their calendar for the school year.

The immunization program is also keeping busy working on several marketing cam-

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH EVENTS

by Darryl Davidson



The City of Milwaukee Health Department's Men's Health Center and its community partners hosted numerous events throughout the month of June to recognize Men's Health

Month and highlight the importance of men's health and wellness.

The events included health education fairs, a comedy show and a grilling event to encourage family bonding through food and activities. Men's Health Week events are planned so that they are easily attended even by men with a full work schedule.

The highlight was the Men's Health Week Resource Event on Tuesday, June 15th at the Keenan Health Center. The event emphasized reduction of the leading causes of

The City of Milwaukee Health Department's Men's Health Center presents:

Men's Health Week Resource Event

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Time: 10 am - 4 pm
Place: Keenan Health Center
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Milwaukee, WI 53216

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- New Birth Control
- New Birth Control
- New Birth Control

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Flyer announcing the Men's Health Week Resource Event

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COMMISSIONER'S
COMMENTS



Bevan K. Baker, FACHE

This summer, the City of Milwaukee Health Department will host its second annual Milwaukee Child Health Week to promote the importance of having a consistent medical provider and to encourage parents to make sure that their children have the basic health services needed to return to school.

I am happy that we will also host two Back-to-School Health Fairs again this year. The first will be held on August 13th at South Division High School and the second will take place on August 20th at North Division Campus as part of the week's activities.

I thank you all in advance for the hard work and preparations that will happen over the next few weeks to make sure that these events are a success.

The department is also busy licensing and inspecting the numerous vendors that are the staples of our summer festivities. These inspections are critical because they ensure that vendors have met the requirements for food safety and sanitation, and that public health will be protected.

Last year's historic response to H1N1 influenza in the community provided a solid basis for our expectations this fall, and we have already started preparing for this year's influenza season.

Finally, we continue to release hard-hitting campaigns to prevent further infant deaths associated with an unsafe sleep environment. We have released two phases of the campaign, and will release a third mid-summer.

But as busy as we are, I also ask that you take time to enjoy the Milwaukee we make it our business to serve and protect. Wisconsin summers may be a little shorter than those some of our southern neighbors experience, but we are without parallel when it comes to the number of ways we can enjoy the summer days we have - Summerfest, the great number of ethnic and cultural festivals, Jazz in the Park, State Fair...there truly is never a dull moment in Milwaukee.

Bevan K. Baker, FACHE
Commissioner of Health

IMMUNIZATION, *continued*

paings. At this time three distinct phases of a social marketing campaign are under development. The first phase will focus on young children and encourage parents to get their babies vaccinated. The goal is to have the child complete their primary vaccination series by 2 years of age. The second phase of the marketing campaign ties in to immunization compliance activities. The goal of the Back to School portion of the immunization marketing campaign being developed is to raise awareness about the importance of vaccinations as well as to increase parental awareness of immunization. Finally, our focus shifts to influenza in the fall. Coming off of H1N1 it is difficult to predict what this flu season will bring. With the new recommendation that everyone get vaccinated for flu, the third phase of our immunization campaign will likely highlight the importance of getting vaccinated for flu not only to protect yourself but to protect you from spreading flu to your family and friends.

MEN'S HEALTH, *continued*

death (heart disease, cancer, and diabetes) through improving diet and increasing physical activity, as well as a special focus on reducing stress, workplace safety, violence prevention through conflict resolution, suicide prevention, Alzheimer's disease, health screenings, and identification of free or reduced cost health resources in the community.

Nationally, men experience a disproportionate amount of illness, injury, and death from preventable health conditions. The greatest of these are among low income and African American males.

In 1994 the U.S. Congress supported bills sponsored by former Senator Bob Dole and former Senator Bill Richardson to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and to encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

Men's Health Week is celebrated annually during the week preceding and including Father's Day. In June 2009, Governor Jim Doyle established the first official Men's Health Week in Wisconsin. Since then, governors of more than forty-five states have adopted the week.

Just for Fun

Find the Summertime words listed below. Answers will be published in the next issue.

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Employee Highlight

TRACY WETZEL



For Tracy Wetzel, it's the simplest things in life that bring the most pleasure. From looking at her 20-year-old son Jonathan smile or looking into her 14-year-old daughter Ashley's brown eyes to walking along the lakefront with her dog Durango, Tracy makes it her mission to never take anything for granted. In her youth, she thought she'd become a psychologist, (Tracy recently earned a BA in Psychology), and it's only fitting that she finds herself helping others through her work as a Program Assistant II at the Northwest Health Center. Whether it's her ability to listen to others or the way she uses her resourcefulness to get the job done, Tracy provides quiet assurance that no detail will be left uncovered when working with those around her. She took time from her busy schedule to tell us a little more about herself.

What would you do if you didn't have to work?

I would probably do something that had to do with rescuing dogs. I'm really not into other animals, but I love dogs; big or small.

Is there anything that you would absolutely refuse to do under any circumstances?

Hurt a child. Collect bugs.

What is the weirdest thing that you keep or have kept in your desk drawer?

When I worked downtown years ago I use to keep an extra pair of pantyhose.

What has been your most memorable vacation?

Well, not memorable in a *good* way. Nevertheless, in 2004, my family and I stayed in a cabin in Felch, Michigan (right outside of Iron Mountain). There was nobody around, just bugs and silence. And to add to the madness, there was no television in the cabin, so I had to drive 30 minutes to town and buy one at the only WalMart. I was only able to get one station, and it replayed Friday's news on Saturday and Sunday.

If you could change one thing about Milwaukee, what would it be?

The weather. It would be 70 degrees and sunny every day.

Felch, Michigan



If there is a person you would like to see featured in the Employee Highlight, please contact:

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Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Milwaukee **Child Health Week**, happening **August 16-20, 2010!** The theme of the week is the importance of healthcare assurance for children to help them succeed in school. We want to make sure kids have (and visit!) a medical provider, and that they receive the necessary health services that support school readiness. This MHD-led effort signifies a key collaboration between the managed care HMOs. Not only is Child Health Week sponsorship being provided by our HMO partners, they have been active in planning the week's events, and assuring staff and material resources for all activities to be a success.

Child Health Week will be book-ended by MHD's two large Back-To-School Health Fairs, one at South Division High School on August 13, and the other at the former North Division High School on August 20, which will be a new location for MHD. We have been recognized for coordinating the largest Back-To-School events in the city, and this year is no exception. We are anticipating huge crowds again this year, estimating that we will provide services to several hundred children and hand out 5,000 backpacks loaded with school supplies. During the rest of Child Health Week, a phone bank staffed by all the partners and two mini health service/resource events will occur.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Plain Talk Initiative partnered with an exciting array of groups to present

RELATIONSHIP BOOT CAMP 2010: DATING, RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX

by Denise Crumble



May was National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. The purpose of this national action month is to focus attention on the importance of preventing teen pregnancy and other serious consequences of adolescent sex. The City of Milwaukee Health Department Plain Talk Milwaukee Initiative* partnered with several local groups to host Relationship Boot Camp 2010: Dating, Relationships, and Sex. This event sought to encourage families to talk to teen loved ones about sex, prevention and their family values.

The Boot Camp event was held on Saturday, May 22nd at the McKinley Gardens Community Center, a new center where Plain Talk also conducts regular programs. This event was carefully planned to offer a "straight forward" look at relationships and communication for parents, influential adults and youth. The Boot Camp featured physicians from the Cream City Medical Society who were on deck to provide the

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most up-to-date information about sexual and reproductive health. Sixty adult and 25 teen participants learned strategies to identify turn-ons and risky situations, and the importance of learning how to communicate with people to whom we are attracted. Another aim of the event was to promote intergenerational communication among family members and others about preventing sexual risk.

The event began with a panel discussion about Hip Hop and Rap music and what parents and other trusted adults should do to address the messages that are pervasive in the music. A study conducted by African American researcher Gina Wingood and others found that black

teen girls who view more rap videos are more likely to get in trouble with the law, take drugs and become infected with sexually transmitted diseases.

Admission to Boot Camp and child care was free. In addition, a tasty free lunch was provided by COA Youth and Family Centers and prepared by volunteers from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Beta Zeta Chapter. Other Boot Camp co-sponsors included The Cardinal Capital Mgmt. Inc. /McKinley Gardens, Cream City Medical Society, Milwaukee Fatherhood Collaborative, Comprehensive Health Education, Inc., Running Rebel Organization, United Way of Greater Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee Urban League of Young Professionals.

** Plain Talk Milwaukee began in 2006 as a replication of a national program designed to assist parents in developing the skills and tools they need to communicate effectively with their children about healthy relationships and sexuality.*

SAFE SLEEP SUMMIT



by Anna Benton

The City of Milwaukee Health Department hosted a Safe Sleep Summit in May with key community partners to gather ideas on the best strategies to promote safe sleep in Milwaukee. More than 500 innovative ideas were gathered from participants who attended the event, which was held at Wheaton Franciscan – St. Joseph.

Dr. Fern Hauck, an Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences at the University of Virginia, was the keynote speaker. Joan Prince, Vice Chancellor for Partnerships and Innovation at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, served as the Master of Ceremonies.



Dr. Hauck

The Health Department is committed to working with the community to reduce infant mortality. As well as hosting follow-up meetings with key partners and community members, in the upcoming months we hope to release additional outdoor and broadcast campaigns to promote safe sleep.

The Health Department will also launch a prematurity awareness campaign that will enlighten residents on the leading cause of death within a baby's first month of life in Milwaukee and nationally. Over half of the infant mortality rate is attributable to complications of prematurity.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS, *continued*

BREAST CANCER WALK



On May 1, 2010, The Bon Bons walked in the 2010 American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Our team, through donations and a bake sale fundraiser, raised \$969.00 for breast cancer research!

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day to walk 5K in honor of our friend, WIC co-worker and cancer survivor, Bonnie Brower. MHD members of the Bon Bons included **Cassandra Sova, Lisa Phillips, Liz Rodriguez, Nancy Castro, Diana Espino, Sara Mishefske, Stefanie Georgoulis, Mary Jo Gerlach, and Becky Litwaitis**. Also walking in Bonnie's honor was her sister Beth and friends.

We hope you'll join us next year!

WALKING FOR HEALTH: MOVE MORE, EAT BETTER* - SPRING KICK-OFF EVENT

Yvonne Greer, MHD Nutritionist Coordinator, Preventive Health and Health Services Grant

On April 27th, the City of Milwaukee Health Department partnered with the Wisconsin Arthritis Program in sponsoring a special "kick off" to the walking season entitled, "Walking for Health: Move More, Eat Better." This event, held at the African American Women's Center, 3030 W. Vliet Street, featured a one-hour neighborhood fitness walk followed by a light box lunch. There were exhibitors and several presentations on a variety of health topics such as Physical Activity and Arthritis, Nutrition and Fitness: A Winning Combination, 10 Tips to a Healthy Brain, and Preventing Lead Poisoning in Children. Warm-up and cool down exercises were followed by an inspiring testimonial from retired nurse and health advocate Pam Robbins, who spoke about overcoming obstacles to health and wellness. And last, but not least, entertainment by the Jazzy Jewels, a dance ensemble of 60-



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SAFE SLEEP, *continued*

Babies born prematurely also have less developed organs than full-term babies, and are more likely to face serious multiple health problems following delivery. These lifelong problems include cerebral palsy, mental retardation, chronic lung disease, and vision and hearing loss.

Infant mortality remains a top priority for the Health Department. I encourage you all to do what you can to help clients make healthy and safe choices during their pregnancy and after the birth of their babies.

HEALTH CHAMPION AWARD



Commissioner Baker with award recipient Ron Cisler

Congratulations to Milwaukee Health Champion Award winners: **Naoyo Mori, Jessica Bergstrom Rice, Loren Galvao, Ron Cisler**, and then UWM College of Health Sciences student **Trina Salm Ward**, all now Center for Urban Population Health Researchers, and **Dr. Eric Gass**. This team is responsible for the establishment of the goal to reduce the teen birth rate by 46% to a rate of 30 births/1,000 teens 15-17 years of age by 2015.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS, *continued*



The Jazzy Jewels inspired the entire audience to get up and do the "Cupid Shuffle"

80-year-old elders. The Jazzy Jewels inspired the entire audience to get up and participate in the "Cupid Shuffle," letting us know that we're never too old to "Just Move!"

Sixty-five individuals participated in the neighborhood walk with an overall total of 80 participants for the day's events. The walking event, health fair and seminars' goals were to:

- Celebrate existing and up-and-coming walking groups in the Milwaukee community,
- Sign up individuals to walk in various walks occurring throughout the upcoming months including the Walk for Quality Health, and
- Support and motivate the community, particularly those with Arthritis, to take control of their health through increased physical activity and healthy eating.

This event was well received by the participants completing the event evaluation. Ninety-seven percent of the participants indicated that they planned on making more healthy choices in their lives as a result of what they learned at the event, with eating more fruits and vegetables being most popular (92%), followed by walking more (84%) and doing healthy brain activities (81%).

The Wisconsin Arthritis Program, through a CDC Grant to promote the social marketing program called Physical Activity: The Arthritis Pain Reliever, has agreed to cover the registration of individuals that sign on to walk with the Walking for Health Project in seven different walks occurring between May and August, 2010. For more information on joining our Walking for Health Teams contact Yvonne Greer at ygreer@milwaukee.gov. The walk and health fair planning committee consisted of representatives from the following programs: African American Women's Center, American Heart Association, City of Milwaukee Health Department, Mason Temple Church's BRANCH Out Program, Christ the King Church's Holistic Health Ministry, Wisconsin Arthritis Program, and the Wisconsin Well Woman/Wise Woman Program.

** The "Walking for Health: Move More, Eat Better Project" is a collaboration of the Wisconsin African American Women's Center and the City of Milwaukee Health Department and was developed in conjunction with the Marquette University Exercise Science Department and the Mount Mary College Dietetic Internship Program. The objective of Walking for Health is to improve the physical fitness of women and their families by developing a safe walking program, increasing knowledge and skills related to nutrition and healthy food selection, and providing social and emotional support through a group-interactive forum.*



A Healthier America:

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National Public Health Week

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NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN REVIEW

Public Health Week has been celebrated throughout the nation for the last decade, and has an even longer history in our department. This year's theme was "A Healthier America: One Community at a Time." The goal was to encourage everyone to make positive changes in their lives to begin to reshape health within the community. Positive changes were also encouraged within schools, workplaces and all other aspects of the community.

During the week, **Commissioner Baker** visited each MHD location, providing departmental updates and praising MHD for its accomplishments, including last year's historic response to H1N1, our Safe Sleep initiatives, and the expansion of our city's largest health fair to include two locations.

In addition, **Dr. Eric Gass** and **Dr. Geof Swain** provided an update to staff about the partnership between the MHD and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Public Health and the Wisconsin Center for Health Equity. Special guest School of Public Health Acting Dean **Steve Percy** was also able to participate in some of these discussions.

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SAFE SLEEP AWARENESS AD CAMPAIGN



Mayor Tom Barrett and **Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker** unveiled additional hard-hitting safe sleep campaign messages to prevent further infant deaths associated with an unsafe sleep environment.

To view the television PSA or listen to the radio announcement, visit www.milwaukee.gov/health.

MHD PARTNERS WITH DIVERSE AND RESILIENT OVER HIGH HIV RATES IN MSM



Leonard Sobczak, Board Member, Diverse and Resilient; Karen Johnson, WI DHS; Brenda Coley, Director of Adult Services, Diverse and Resilient; Bevan K. Baker, Commissioner of Health, City of Milwaukee; Geof Swain, Chief Medical Officer, City of Milwaukee Health Department

MHD is partnering with Diverse and Resilient, Inc. to help reach young African-American men who have sex with men (MSM). The partnership will start to address root causes associated with the rise of HIV disease in Milwaukee, including engaging in high risk sexual behavior and the reasons why partners are not disclosing their HIV status to each other. It will also set the framework to engage additional community agencies to broaden interventions and reach throughout Milwaukee.



Dr. Geof Swain and UWM School of Public Health Acting Dean Steve Percy answer staff questions about the new School of Public Health

The annual volleyball tournament during National Public Health Week always brings out the true competitors in the department, and this year was no exception. Six departmental teams battled for the coveted Volleyball Trophy, which the food inspectors had proudly showcased for the past year. After much sweat and friendly banter, the **Lead Program** edged out food to win the 8th annual volleyball tournament trophy.

The volleyball game was only one of many activities hosted within the health department to celebrate advancements in public health, and highlight the contributions that MHD has made within the community. There were also program displays located in the City Hall Rotunda and tables at each health center to inform residents about our services.

A survey conducted immediately after Public Health Week found that many of you look forward to the week's activities, and others submitted great ideas for next year's celebration. We look forward to implementing them.



Members of the food inspection team graciously accepting defeat



Jodi Wingers doing her part to secure the trophy for the lead team



Julie Driscoll keeping a sharp eye on the ball

2009 COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNITY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE WINNER

Congratulations to the 2009 Commissioner's Community Award of Excellence winner **Projecto Salud, A Joint Project of CORE/El Centro and Aurora Walker's Point Community Clinic.**



THE Healthy TIMES KUDOS

From Dr. Gradus & Dr. Bhattacharyya:

On May 7, 2010 the laboratory said farewell to six outstanding laboratory interns who spent 2 to 9 months in the laboratory in a variety of learning experiences that will assist them in their career development.

From left to right in the photo at right:

Elizabeth Bolton, a masters student in the UWM Biology Department who helped develop 1) an assay to determine mutations to antiviral resistance in the H1N1 virus and 2) a second assay that will rapidly identify *Mycobacterium* species through pyrosequencing technology;

Elena Christopholous, from the UWM Health Sciences Program in Public Health Microbiology who completed her clinical rotation with us and will be attending Physician Assistance School at Marquette University and gave a presentation on an outbreak of blastomycosis in northern Wisconsin;

Arie Brenner, working on her Master's degree in microbiology at UWM, assisted our laboratory in developing a rapid molecular amplification assay for the detection and identification of the TB complex;

Marcus Belger, also from the UWM Health Sciences Program in Public Health Microbiology, completed his clinical rotation with us and will be starting his microbiology career in the Aurora Consolidated Laboratories;

Contoya Wainwright, a pre-med student who is completing her Biology Degree at Cardinal Stritch University, also completed a clinical internship rotation with our laboratory and will be applying to graduate or medical school; and finally

Rebecca Simons, a senior graduating with a Biology degree from Alverno College, who is seeking job opportunities in the Biotech industry.

GOOD LUCK TO SIX GREAT INTERNS!!

Dr. Steve Gradus and **Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharyya** received APHL Travel Scholarships to the 2010 Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 4-9, 2010. The laboratory presented a poster at the conference and Dr. Gradus participated on a panel on quality improvement.



Kudos to **Anna Benton**, **Dr. Eric Gass** and **Dr. Paul Hunter** for receiving recommendations from Mayor Tom Barrett for appointments to Joint Legislative Council Special Committees.

- Anna was recommended for the Special Committee on Infant Mortality based upon her efforts with MHD to promote healthy birth outcomes and healthy child development and to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in Milwaukee's Infant mortality rates.
- Eric was recommended for the Special Committee on Health Care Reform Implementation for his expertise on health care reform and role in overseeing the city's efforts to comply with recently-enacted federal health care reform legislation.
- Paul was recommended for the Special Committee on Health Care Access for his experience in providing care and services to the underserved in Milwaukee.

KUDOS to **Anna Benton** for her participation in the prestigious Harvard Kennedy School's Driving Government Performance program in March.

KUDOS to **Tiffany Barta** who gave a "Home Environmental Health" presentation to Marquette University students in April. Students said she had "good command of the subject," was "awesome and very engaging" and that "Ms. Barta explained everything so clearly."

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THE Healthy TIMES KUDOS 2



From Nancy Castro:

Congratulations to **Yvonne Greer**, Nutritionist Coordinator and **Cassandra Sova**, WIC DTR, who completed the five-day Certified Lactation Counselor training program in February. This program was co-sponsored by the Milwaukee Health Department and Aurora. Both Yvonne and Cassandra passed their certification exam and are now Certified Lactation Counselors (CLC)!

Congratulations to **Becky Litwaitis** on her recent promotion to WIC Health Project Coordinator!

Debra Mortwedt, WIC PHN, gave birth to a healthy 8 lb. 21-inch baby girl on May 29! Her name is Adeline Rosa. Both mom and baby are doing well! Congratulations to Debra and her family!

From Yvette Rowe:

Congratulations to **Tracy Wetzell**, who completed her Bachelor's of Art degree in Psychology from Ottawa University in Brookfield in December. Way to go, Tracy!

From Julie Driscoll:

Kudos to **Terri Birt**, who facilitated a partnership with the Prairie Hill Girl Scout Troop to receive 180 "Baby Bundles" to be distributed to families with a new baby through Empowering Families of Milwaukee, Nurse-Family Partnership, PNCC, and Core Team. Each Baby Bundle consists of a handmade blanket and baby necessities such as wipes, shampoo, books, toys, diaper cream, etc. It has taken the girl scouts over a year to complete this project!!



MHD staff holding Baby Bundles made by the Prairie Hill Girl Scout Troop. Terri Birt is the 4th person from the left.

From Becky Litwaitis:

KUDOS to the **WIC Staff** for testing **1,467 children** for Lead since March!

KUDOS to the **MHD Incident Command Team** for the acceptance of three abstracts for oral presentations at this year's annual APHA meeting in Denver. The three abstracts were each on the H1N1 response. The first is on data management, the second is on mass clinic vaccinations, and the third is on mass clinic volunteers. A fourth abstract on risk communication has been put on a "waiting list".

From Lisa Phillips:

To the **MBCCAP/WISEWOMAN Program Staff**: I can't say thanks enough to a passionate, hardworking, and caring group. Thank you to MHD staff **Sherri Green**, **Brenda Holman** and **Ebony Cobb**. Also thanks to Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. staff **Rubie Robinson**, **Glenda Nuñez**, **Sally Janke**, and **Lavinia Matias**.

Thanks to each of you, MBCCAP in 2009 far exceeded our objective for breast and cervical cancer screenings. We also added another program, WISEWOMAN, to an already busy office and clinic. I appreciate all the hard work that each of you has put into both programs and going above and beyond over and over again. Each of you took on extra jobs to continue serving women to the best of our ability while adding another program which has been at times been exciting to say the least. Each of you make it look easy without complaining. I get many compliments on the services you have provided.

THE Healthy TIMES KUDOS 3



From Lisa Acheson

Kudos to the Milwaukee Health Department's **Home Environmental Health Staff** for receiving awards from the Milwaukee Public Schools Head Start Program in recognition of valued services: lead testing, lead poisoning awareness, education and outreach. The award ceremony was May 21, 2010; with recognition for "commitment and dedication." The MHD Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program works closely with community partners that were also recognized for valuable service to the MPS Head Start Program: Sherman Park Community Association, Dominican Center for Women and Sixteenth Street Community Health Care Center. Individual awards of service for were given to: **Norma Avila, Alva Goldberg, Naomi Jenkins, Stephanie Ortiz** and **Kris White**.



Kudos to **Yvonne Greer**, MHD Nutritionist Coordinator, for coordinating the *Walking for Health: Move More, Eat Better* Walking Event and Health Fair/Seminars held on April 27th at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center. Participants were greatly appreciative of her time and the wealth of information she was able to share with them. Thank you, Yvonne, for all that you do to bring public health practices into our community!



Kudos to **Paul Biedrzycki** for his 2010 FEMA appointment to the National Advisory Council as a public health representative and his acceptance into the prestigious CDC National Public Health Leadership Institute at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.



Naomi Jenkins, Alva Goldberg, Stephanie Ortiz, and Norma Avila

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SHOW?



The Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW), a research project from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health has been working in the Milwaukee area this summer. SHOW is an ongoing statewide public health research project designed to measure the health of Wisconsin residents. SHOW will visit 1,000 households around the state each year to recruit adult participants; 25 Milwaukee households have been invited to participate.

The information that SHOW collects will be made available as a public use databank for researchers, policy makers, health officials and other stakeholders, with the aim that it will be utilized to identify and address the public health needs of state residents.

SHOW is one of a number of projects supported by the Wisconsin Partnership for a Healthy Future, which represents a far-reaching commitment by the UW School of Medicine and Health to greatly improve the health of people in Wisconsin for years to come.

For more information: <http://www.show.wisc.edu>

RETIREMENTS

Thank you to all who have devoted their careers to educating, empowering and improving the health of Milwaukee's citizens. Your many years of service are deeply appreciated.

Zebedee Catchings OA III - DCP - KHC
Debra Glass Laboratory Assistant II - ZMB
Dr. Ajaib Singh Chief Microbiologist - ZMB

NEW STAFF/REINSTATEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

Julie Becker OA I - ZMB Lab
Karen Biernat Program Assistant I - DCEH - ZMB
Nora DeBerry Johnson Health Access Assistant II - MA Outreach - SSHC
Wanda Griffin Laboratory Assistant II - ZMB
Donna Howe Environmental & Disease Control Specialist - ZMB
Debra Husar Health Access Assistant II - MA Outreach - SSHC
Marc Mejaki Lead Risk Assessor I - ZMB
Marivel Montejano Lead Risk Assessor II - ZMB
Catherine Nielsen OA II - Vital Statistics - ZMB
Kandy Perez Lead Grant Monitor - ZMB
Katherine Quinn Health Project Coordinator - EFM - SSHC
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TRANSFERS

Vesta Henry PHN - EFM - SSHC
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RESIGNATIONS

We also bid farewell to the following staff members and wish them well in their new endeavors:

Mai Lee Environmental Health Specialist I
Melissa Rader PHN

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ANSWERS
34 spring-related words

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BREEZE NEST TADPOLE
BUNNIES PUDDLE THAW
BUTTERFLY RAIN THUNDERSTORM
CLOUD SMELLS WARM WEATHER
CROCUS ROBIN
DAFFODIL SAP
DAYLIGHT SPRING PEEPER
EASTER SUN
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